FIGHT FOR THE OHIO CONVENTION

Free Coinage Men Need Only Seventeen Votes.

JUBILANT OVER LOWNDES

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CLEVELAND, Ohlo, August 16.-The silver and anti-Brice forces won a decisive victory last night. They carried twentysix of forty-two wards, electing in those wards and the townships of Bedford, Olmsted and Glenville 190 delegates, while the Brice men carried sixteen wards, electing 125 delegates. The fourteen townships with ninety-eight delegates will send a majority for silver. As 207 will be a majority of convention, the silver men will require only seventeen votes from the country to secure absolute control of the coming democratic convention.

In Olmsted township resolutions were adopted favoring the free coinage of silver and opposition to the re-election of Senator Brice. It is practically certain that Cuyahoga county will send to Springfield fifty-nine delegates, who will vote for the free coinage of silver, and who will not be favorable to the re-election of Senator

Brice.

Although the silver question cut an important figure last night the opposing forces were usually designated as Brice and anti-Brice men. The convention, which will be held at Army and Navy Hall Saturday morning, promises to be an interesting one. It is reported that resolutions favoring the free coinage of silver will be adopted. It was openly charged by both sides that the opposition faction threw coin last night right and left.

The silver men charged that every ward had its quota of somebody's cash, but did not presume to say whose it was, except that it was not theirs. The Brice men claimed the money was squandered in the

claimed the money was squandered in the wards which were placed under the special attention of anti-Brice men. Ballot-box stuffing was charged in one or two in-

The contest narrowed down to one be-tween the Johnson and Farley crowds pure and simple. It was a case of revenge for past insults and neither side gave any advantage to the other. JURILANT OVER LOWNDES.

Malster Praised for Withdrawing His

ctal Dispatch to The Evening Star.

BALTIMORE, Md., August 16.-Republicans throughout the city are jubilant today over the nomination of Mr. Lowndes, and never in the history of the party in Maryland has so much enthusiasm been displayed. The republican headquarters at the Carroliton have been the rendezvous this morning of the most prominent leaders in the city, and on all sides the most extravagant commendation is heard of the ticket nominated at Cambridge yesterday and of the harmony which characterized the con-The action of Mr. Malster in withdrawing

The action of Mr. Maister in withdrawing his name has met with widespread praise, and his course has won him a greatly increased popularity, which his friends say means a brilliant political future.

Ex-Congressman Sidney E. Mudd of Charles county and Dr. W. G. Tuck of Annapolis, two of the most prominent Maister men, stated at the headquarters today that they would exert all their influence in behalf of the nominee, and that it was Mr. Maister's desire that all his late supporters should work faithfully for

supporters should work faithfully for Lowndes.

The nomination of Mr. Lowndes has received commendation among the demo crats, and some democrats who are indig nant at the methods which procured Mr nant at the methods which procured Mr.
Hurst's nomination have announced their
intention of voting for Lowndes. The
republicans are prepared to enter this campaign with an enthusiasm they have not
known for years, and the cheerful aspect of
the visitors to the republican headquarters
today is a striking contrast to the looks
of the democrats on the day following

WHAT MR. LOWNDES SAYS.

Support Him. CUMBERLAND, Md., August 16.-Lloyd

Lowndes, nominated for governor at the repul in state convention yesterday, says "The platform adopted is clear enough

for every one to understand, and broad enough, not only for republicans, but for independent voters to stand on. It speaks in no uncertain terms as to reassessment, registration, fair elections and public schools. It comes out boldly for the merit system, and civil service reform, by the way, is here to stay.
"Wherever it has been honestly tried the

people have sustained it. Chicago adopted it by an overwhelming popular vote, and I believe it has given satisfaction to every one, except those who seek office for the

"I believe that when my party comes into power it will fulfill the pledges made at Cambridge yesterday. "There are many Cleveland democrats

cambridge yesterday.

"There are many Cleveland democrats throughout the state who I think will support the ticket nominated yesterday. The policy of the party in control has not been popular in western Maryland, and I know many conservative democrats who will vote for the republican nominees to get rid of the abuses of which they complain."

FIRE AT LAUREL.

Damage Done to the Extent of \$2,000-The Keely Institute Saved.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. LAUREL, August 16.—A fire which might have proved exceedingly disastrous troke out here at 12:30 this morning in the power house of the Keeley Institute. The fire was not discovered until the power house and electric plant of the institute were enveloped in flames. An alarm was given by the blowing of the whistle in the Laurel Electric Light Company's plant, and a large crowd then appeared and worked hard and diligently to save the Keeley Institute. If a stiff wind had been blowing the Keeley Hotel would certainly have been burned to the ground, as the power been burned to the ground, as the power house is only located about fifteen yards back of the institute. The efforts of Laurel citizens, however, who utilized the institute hose, proved successful, and the fire was confined only to the electric plant, which was completely destroyed.

The origin of the fire is not known. Engineer Roberts of the Keeley electric plant, which supplies that institution with its light, states that he shut down the plant at the regular time—10:30 p.m. He believes is was caused by spontaneous combustion, as there was a considerable amount of greasy waste lying around.

amount of greasy waste lying around.

The amount of damage caused by the fire will amount to nearly \$2,000, the electhe plant being worth nearly \$2,000, the electric plant being worth nearly \$1,500, while the frame power house cost \$500. Insurance on the power house to the amount of three-fourths of the cost is held, but the plant, consisting of a dynamo, engine, etc., had no insurance.

While the fire was progressing a number of the Keeley patients took a hand in

ber of the Keeley patients took a hand in subduing it. The institution, however, was only saved by the good work of the Laurel citizens, assisted by hose and the Kgeley

water tank, which became exhausted as Charged With Watch Stealing.

A colored woman named Lillie Gray was errested last evening by Detectives Horne and Weedon, and locked up on a charge of stealing a gold watch and chain from Mrs. Ellen McDonald. The latter was sick, and the colored woman nursed her. When the colored woman nursed her. When placed under arrest Lillie denied the charge, but said, if released, she would recover the stolen property. Judge Mills heard the case today and held Lillie in \$500 security for the action of the grand jury.

Republicans May Get Votes of Independent Democrats.

Turmoil Caused by the Anti-Gorma and Anti-Reassessment Sentiment-Results Doubtful.

The nomination of Lowndes by the repub lican convention for governor of Maryland, it is believed by politicians, insures a very result greatly in doubt. The republicans are encouraged to believe that their candidate will get the votes of a large numb of the independent democrats, who hope to strike down Gorman by defeating the demccratic state ticket. How much this will amount to is yet to develop, but it is recognized that the democrats are in much closer quarters in Maryland than they have been for a long time. The anti-Gorman sentiment and the anti-reassessment sentiment among the independent democrats are causing a great turmoil in the democratic ranks, while the light the republicans have had over the nomination is not expected to go far outside the convention.

How far the independent democrats, or, as they are called, the administration demo-

How far the independent democrate, or, as they are called, the administration democrate, will live up to their threats against the democratic ticket is problematical, it is not likely that many who are really followers of Mr. Cleveland's administration will oppose the nominees of the democratic convention. Before they have gone very far in their opposition it is probable that they will be given to understand that the loss of the state to the democrats, if charged to the disaffection of Cleveland democrats, would be a great injury to the administration, and that by reason of the indorsement which the administration received in the platform, the defeat would fall as hard on Mr. Cleveland as on Mr. Gorman, especially if Kentucky, the other border state which indorses the administration's financial policy, should be carried by the republicans, as it is liable to be. At the same time there are supposed to be many democrats in Maryland who will oppose the democratic candidates, who are not Cleveland men particularly, but who want to get a blow in on Gorman.

The republican ticket is regarded as particularly strong, aside from the considera-The republican ticket is regarded as par

ticularly strong, aside from the consider tion of any disaffection among the dem crats.

LUTHER W. SPEARE ARRESTED.

Warrant Charges Him With Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses. President Luther W. Speare of the New Alexandria Improvement Company was ar, rested about noon today in an office in the Loan and Trust Company's building by Detective Lacy, who was armed with a warrant charging him with false pretenses. The amount charged in the warrant is \$100, although Francis Hall, the man who swore out the warrant, alleges that he has paid \$300 on his prospective \$790 house, and he feels certain that he will never get the

The complainant, Hall, lives at 1219 !. The complainant, Hall, lives at 1210 J. street, and has kept a saloon on 11th street for a number of years. He has accumulated considerable money, and when the new town was being boomed he thought he would like to go over there and open a store. With this purpose in view he bargained for the purchase of the land and the construction of the house, which was to be located about one square from the to be located about one square from the hotel. When the contract was made and the work on the house started, Hall paid

the work on the house started, Hall paid, so he claims, \$200.

Then he was to pay an additional \$100 when the house was ready for plastering. This he paid, and afterward became dissatisfied to the extent that he swore out the warrant and abandoned all hope of ever becoming a resident of Nur. Alexandre. ever becoming a resident of New Alexan

The warrant was sworn out several day The warrant was sworn out several days ago, and Mr. Speare says he would have surrendered the next day had it not been that his wife was sick, and he-expected her death at any time. For this reason, he says, he remained home and took care of says, he remained nome and took care of her and attended to some business. In conversation with a Star reporter Mr. Speare claimed that he fulfilled his part of the contract. When the \$100 was paid a new contract had been made, so Mr. Speare says. The house was not really ready for plastering, but Mr. Hall knew this, and he also knew he was to get a this, and he also knew he was to get a better house because of the change in the plans. Speare gave bond in the sum of \$300 and

DEACON THORNTON'S TROUBLE.

Pastor Kelly Charges Him With the

The trouble at the colored Baptist Church on Q street Monday night that resulted in the arrest of Edward Thornton, one of the church officials, and the subsequent trial of two policemen, will now go court for settlement. Now Deacon Thornton was given \$48 worth of tickets, for which, it is alleged, he failed to make any return. This morning, however, he turned over to Kelly \$15, and claimed that he paid the balance of the money to the musicians. He did this after the warrant was sworn out. Detective Carter arrested him on the warrant, and now the case will have to be sattled in court. have to be settled in court.

· Rev. Mr. Shields to Resign Rev. A. W. Shields, pastor of Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, will, next Sunday, resign the pastorate of his congregation, and will preach his farewell sermon.

Rev. Mr. Shields has become discouraged in his work among his present congregation because, he says, there were those among his flock "who toiled not, neither did they spin," yet who went about spread-ing seed of dissension and discord and doing all in their power to hinder his work. He became pastor of the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church in September, 1893, when he found that the church was burdened with debts large and small, some of the creditors being loud in their demands for their money. He secured a loan of \$6,000 and paid off the dozen smaller debts. Then and paid off the dozen smaller debts. Then he caused the rough boards in the upper windows of the church to give way for stained glass windows. The church was plastered and gas fixtures were put in, all these improvements costing \$50, the removal of which incumbrances has caused some of the faithful hard work.

But discord having crept in, Rev. Mr. Shields has decided to sever his connections with the congregation next Sunday.

ress was secretary. A report was submitted that one of the bosses in the trade has ted that one of the bosses in the trade has not settled with his men for some weeks, and the secretary was directed to call the attention of the boss in question to the fact that he had signed an agreement to pay off regularly, and that the terms of the contract will be insisted upon by the union. Announcement was made that several of the employers of the members of the union have stated that they will march with their men in the Labor day parade.

Overcome by the Heat.

Jacob Smith, a colored laborer, fifty-eight years old, while working on 3d street northwest near Florida avenue, was overcome by the heat about 8 o'clock this morning. The police patrol wagon was sent for and the man was removed to his home, No. 305 Pomeroy street.

Louis Uhlarik, seventeen years old, who was peddling on E street northwest about noon today, was overcome by the heat, and the police took him to the Emergency Hos-pital for treatment. He lives at 101 H

To Enforce a Mechanic's Lien. A bill in equity to enforce a mechanic's lien on sublots 79, 80, 81, 82 and 83, square 778, was this afternoon filed by the Childs Brick Company against William J. Sim-

Suing a Schooner. A suit in admiralty to secure the payment of \$29.37, claimed to be wages due, was this afternoon filed by Manuel Thomas against the schooner John S. Ames.

A RECEIVER APPOINTED.

Well-Known Washington Fire Goes Into Court. A suit in equity was filed with the clerk of the court yesterday afternoon by Chas. Ruoff against James P. Willett, asking a dissolution of the partnership of the wellknown firm of Willett & Ruoff, the hatters, 905 Pennsylvania avenue, and the appoint ment of a receiver. · Postmaster Willett is the head of the firm. Judge Cole issued a the request of Mr. Ruoff the court directed the clerk to withhold the papers in the case from publication, so that the grounds for the suit could not be ascertained from the court records. In compliance with the rule to show

cause Mr.Willett, by his attorneys, Messrs. Barnard and Edwards, today appeared in court, and Richard H. Ford was agreed court, and Richard H. Ford was agreed upon as receiver. Mr. Ford later qualified by giving bond in the sum of \$2.000.

Mr. J. J. Darlington, attorney for Mr. Ruoff, stated to a Star reporter that his client asked a dissolution because of financial embarrassments under which the firm is suffering. He denied emphatically that anything in the nature of fraud is charged, but admitted that there are several differences existing between the partners. They hope to soon agree in regard to the same, however, and then, so said Mr. Darlington, the facts will be made public.

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The stick in trade of Willett & Ruon was seized late yesterday afternoon on an attachment, issued as the result of a suit at law to recover \$316.33, brought by Mrs. Mary J. Markriter.

Mrs. Markriter, who is the owner of premises 905 Pennsylvania avenue, claims the sum mentioned as rent due. The store rented for \$2,000 per annum, payable in rented for \$3,000 per annum, payable in monthly installments of \$250 each.

DISMISSED BY MR. TRUESDELL.

Mr. Conboy Loses His Place by Using Strong Language.

There was an exciting scene in Commis sioner Truesdell's private office yesterday, and the Commissioner waxed wrathy. The trouble occurred during office hours, and Commissioner Truesdell's patience seems to have been sorely tried. When the calm came after the storm there was a vacant messengership in the District offices.

Martin Conboy has long been a messenger in the office of the chief of police. He is a veteran of the late war and the hero of fourteen battles. Recently Congress presented him with a medal for signal bravery. Several days ago a vacancy occurred in

Major Moore's office, and Conboy made application immediately for his son, who a graduate of Gonzaga College. He was advised to introduce his boy to Commissioner Truesdell, and forthwith proceeded to the office of the Commissioner and introduced his son. The colonel explained that the office would be filled through a partition of the colonel explained that the office would be filled through a that the office would be filled through a civil service examination, and he would be glad to give young Conboy a chance. Yesterday the elder Conboy heard it rumozed that Commissioner Truesdell had filled the vacancy. He immediately repaired to see the colonel about it. He grew excited in his conversation, and, according to the statement of a person who was present, used insulting language toward the Commissioner. He was warned to be careful or he would lose his place. He replied that he did not care for that; his resignation was ready at any time. The conversation grew excited, until Commissioner Truesdell ordered him out of the room and told him to consider himself discharged. The removal followed.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

In Place of Conboy. Caleb Rice has been appointed messenger in the office of the chief of police, vice Conboy, dismissed.

A Policeman Fined.

Private Russell of the police force has been fined \$10 for violation of paragraphs 36, 135 and 138 of the police manual.

A Liquor License Transferred. The excise board today issued a transfer retail liquor license to Otto Toussaint, 1249 7th street northwest.

The Electric Road to Baltimore. Col. H. T. Douglass, president of the Columbla and Maryland railroad, and Engineer Schoepf had a hearing before the Countissioners this afternoon with refer-ence to that railroad, which is to run between this city and Baltimore. Work will begin next Monday.

Examining Applicants. Thirty-eight applicants for the position of inspector in the water department as-

sembled in the board room at the Commissioners' office this afternoon and took the examination for the position. Fines on the Garbage Contractor. In the interview between the garbage

contractor and the Commissioners yesterday afternoon it was developed that during the past week the former had been fined upward of \$90 for failure to collect garbage. These fines were based upon complaints, which, after investigation by the inspector detailed for such work, were ascertained to be well founded and clearly the fault of the contractor. Health Office Woodward has prepared a statement showing the complaints and the reports made by the inspector. It shows that about 50 per cent of the complaints received are well founded.

The Miner School Building. Mr. T. Frank Schneider made an argunent before the Commissioners today

against the use of the Miner building as colored school.

Nothing has been done as yet in the matter, the Commissioners preferring to con-fer with the school trustees before acting.

THE COURTS.

Equity Court No. 2-Judge Cole. Killian agt. Killian; divorce a vin. mat. granted. Milis agt. Milis; do. Ruoff agt. Willett; rule to show cause returnable August 16. In re Bridget Gleason, Ellen Magust 16. In re Bringer Gleason, Ellen Ma-honey, Sarah A. Burlingame, Thos. B. Young, Jennie Akers, Honora Wallace, Isa-bella Jenkins, Orland S. Montz, Mary C. Williams, alleged lunatics; order confirming inquisition. Meades agt. Burke; rule to show cause returnable August 22. Anglo-Amer. S. and L. A. agt. Kimmell; order pro-confesso, against defendant. Dabney agr confesso against defendant. Dabney agt. Smith et al.; Chas. W. Darr appointed guardian ad litem. Ruoff agt. Willett; Richard H. Ford appointed receiver.

moval of which incumbrances has caused some of the faithful hard work.

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The Cornice Workers.

President William Chambly presided at last night's meeting of the Galvanized Iron and Cornice Workers, and Mr. C. D. Childen and Cornice Workers. weiler. Estate of Robert McDonald; letters of administration issued to Annie M. and John M. McDonald; bond, \$2,000. In re orphans of Robt. McDonald; Annie McDonald appointed guardian; bond, \$1,000. In re Jos. H. Strait et al., minors, Newton A. Strait appointed guardian; bond, \$300. Estate of Mary J. Jones; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Elizabeth J. and Janie W. C. Jones; bond, \$300. In re Jno. L. Lake, guardian; order allowing \$200 and \$10 per month for maintenance of ward. Estate of Gustav A. Buchholz; order authorizing administrator to assign patents to Jas. U. Robertson. Estate of Edwin Y. Robbins; Hervey S. Knight appointed administrator; bond, \$500. Estate of Mary J. Johnson; amended petition filed. Estate of Alcinda Anderson; Chas. C. Anderson appointed administrator; tion filed. Estate of Alcinda Anderson; Chas. C. Anderson appointed administrator; bond, \$1,000. In re Thos. Hatton, guardian; order allowing \$20 for maintenance of ward. In re Jas. B. Raymond, guardian; account passed. Estate of Jno. O'Neil; do. Estate of Lincoln S. Bradford; do. Estate of Jno. T. Core; do. Estate of Anne C. Humer; do.

Made an Assignment. George W. Rich, the dealer in shoes at 919 F street northwest, this afternoon made

an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Assets are stated to be \$14,890, and liabilities, \$16,697.14. Edward Tuttle is ramed as assignee.

To Sell a Partnership Interest. Judge Cole in the Probate Court today granted permission to the executors of the late John G. Judd to sell the partnership interest of the deceased in the firm of Judd & Detweller to be sold to Mr. Detweller, the surviving partner, for \$6,355.73.

MR. MILES' REPORT

Operations of the District Telephone and Telegraph Service.

SUBURBAN EXPENSION OF FIRE ALARMS

Additional Boxes Needed Both In and Outside City Limits.

TELEPHONE MESSAGES

Superintendent Miles of the District tele phone and telegraph service has submitted to the Commissioners his thirty-first an qual report of the conduct of his office during the last fiscal year. Supt. Miles points out the urgent necessity for enlarging and extending the fire alarm telegraph and police patrol systems. In his report

. A Look Backward.

In presenting the thirty-first annual report of the telegraph and telephone service of the District of Columbia, while treat ing mainly of the operations and expenditures of the department during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1895, it will be necessary in order to give a proper statement of the subject to take a look backward and to say many things which will have to be resay many things which will have to be repeated in the report for the fiscal year just entered upon, for the reason that the work of extending and enlarging the fire alarm telegraph was begun in March last and not yet completed, and to be paid for when completed out of the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1806. The urgent necessity for enlarging and extending both the fire alarm telegraph and the police patrol system in the city and to the suburbs has been called to the attention of Congress year after year, and the necessary appropriations asked for by the Commissioners, but not until the passage of the last appropriation bill has any proof the last appropriation bill has any pro vision been made for the extension of th fire alarm telegraph to the suburbs, and even now, owing to the small amount ap-propriated, but little can be accomplished.

Last Year's Recommendations. It will be remembered that in the estinates submitted last year, and by you approved, I had the honor to recommend: For battery supplies, purchase and

rent of telephones and general expenses of all kinds, including ordinary repairs.......\$15,000 Extension of fire alarm telegraph in police patrol system.....

done this year. It follows that only a por-tion of the work can be done until further appropriation shall have been made. The extensions of the fire alarm tele-graph, which are now being made to the suburbs, with the small appropriation available, will be of great service, but many other places peed protection quite as much as do those reached this year, a rotice of which will be found further on in this report.

Extensions of Fire Alarm Now Being

On account of the meager appropriation for extension of the fire alarm telegraph to the suburbs, only twenty-seven boxes can be put in service this year, and one of that number will be paid for by the German Orphan Asylum and placed in that institu-

Owing to the limited capacity of the switch board and the repeaters in the fire alarm office, all of which have been in ser vice twenty years, two new repeaters and one new switch board have to be procured one new switch board have to be produced at considerable expense to accommodate the new circuits which are required for suburban extension, and hence a smaller number of boxes can be purchased than would be had the old repeaters a capacity for the increased number of circuits required for the actions of the stansions. quired for the extensions.

quired for the extensions.

Three new signal circuits for suburban boxes and two additional alarm circuits—one each to the two new engine houses—are being constructed.

One new signal circuit covers the territory north of Washington between 7th and 20th streets west as far north as Howard. 20th streets west as avenue in Mount Pleasant, and will be Another of the new signal circuits will over portions of Eckington, Ivy City and Frindad, and will have distributed there-

n nine boxes. The third new signal circuit will go out by way of Washington Asylum, thence across the fiver to Twining City to the German Orphan Asylum, and thence to and through Anacostia, and will have

Additional Boxes Much Needed. Within the area covered by the three new circuits now being constructed there cught to be at least fifteen additional boxes for protection of houses.

The present Georgetown signal circuit

ought to be extended to Tenleytown, and have ten new boxes properly distributed thereon.

A new signal circuit should be constructed running along the Brightwood avenue

to and through Paroma Park, returning through Brooklaid, on which twenty boxes should be distributed.

Another new signal circuit would be desirable along the Bladensburg road as far out as the reform school for boys, and thence to Benning, and thence back to the thence to Benning, and thence back to the city through the eastern portion between north B and G streets northeast, with at least fifteen boxes on the circuit.

In addition to these sixty additional suburban boxes the city should have not less than forty boxes added to its present number, making a total of 100 new boxes, and the several new circuits mentioned, which should be provided for in the next.

which should be provided for in the next annual appropriation bill. Alarms for Fire Received and Trans

Month..... Regular. Local. 2d.
 September.
 15
 22
 1

 October...
 16
 13
 1

 November.
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 20
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 December.
 20
 29
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 January...
 26
 29
 1

 Pebruary...
 23
 129
 1

 March...
 24
 17
 0

 April...
 24
 17
 0

 May...
 10
 6
 11
 0

 June...
 22
 16
 3
 Totals..... 245 268 7

Regular alarms as tabulated above are given through the fire alarm boxes, and transmitted by telegraph direct to the given through the fire alarm boxes, and transmitted by telegraph direct to the entire fire department, as received from the box, automatically.

Local alarms are received over the ex-

the box, automatically.

Local alarms are received over the exchange wires by telephone, and transmitted by telephone to the nearest fire company to the locality whence the information is received.

During the year, there was one alarm each from boxes 12, 14, 15, 17, 121, 128, 136, 148, 153, 165, 213, 231, 234, 236, 237, 238, 245, 31, 27, 314, 315, 318, 321, 326, 327, 328, 417, 427, 431, 52, 53, 54, 58, 512, 513, 517, 526, 531, 534, 65, 68, 69, 623, 73, and 721. Two each from boxes 13, 16, 132, 145, 146, 147, 21, 23, 24, 216, 217, 247, 32, 35, 38, 319, 413, 428, 516, 523, 612, 613, 618, 621, 625, 623, 634, 712, 731. Three each from boxes 124, 134, 143, 151, 214, 239, 243, 254, 41, 45, 415, 423, 63, 732. Four each from boxes 125, 125, 125, 214 and 62. Five each from boxes 125, 120, 152, 241, 416, 514 and 518. Six each from boxes 127 and 714. Eight from box 43. Nine from box 426.

When the Alarms Were Given.

When the Alarms Were Given. Between midnight and 6 o'clock a.m.... 75 Between 6 a.m. and 12 o'clock m...... 126 Between 12 o'clock m. and 6 p.m.....

Between 6 p.m. and midnight..... Time Spent in Subduing Fires. In response to the 526 alarms during the year, a portion of the fire department was absent from quarters 476 hours and 8 min

Allowing 8 hours for a day's work, 59 lays, 4 hours and 8 minutes were devoted

to the task of fighting fire during the year, divided by the month as follows:

Month. Hours. Minutes.

Thirty-three new poles were set to replace that number of decayed ones during place that number of decayed ones during the year, at a cost of \$844. The new poles have greatly improved the old trunk lines, especially along 14th street north of L street northwest. Many additional new poles are yet needed to take the place of decayed and rapidly decaying poles put in service year-year. in service years ago.

No serious delays in the transmission of alarms occurred during the year, and as a whole, the fire alarm apparatus has done its work well. The name of Aaron Bradshaw, the chairman of the central republican committee, has not been mentioned until within a day or two, but since the appearance of his interview in The Star, in which he opposed the interjection of the color line into the question of the selection of the delegates of the District to the national convention, and in which he opposed the selection of two white delegates, the politicians of color have been talking of selecting him as the white delegate. As chairman of the central republican committee he is said to have given satisfaction to the different factions here, and as the colored republicans are opposed to the selection of two white delegates, his stand has pleased them and they are talking of selecting him as Perry's as-

Police Patrol Service.

The patrol telegraph and telephone servces covering the city portions of the nine police precincts have 126 street stations from which reports are made hourly, or his respective precinct station, day and night, from which it will be seen that these patrol boxes work almost constantly year in and year out. The first precinct has thirteen street sta-

The second precinct has sixteen street sta The third precinct has sixteen street sta-

The fourth precinct has sixteen street sta-The fifth precinct has fourteen street sta-

The sixth precinct has thirteen street seventh precinct has fourteen street stations.

The eighth precinct has ten street sta-

The ninth precinct has fourteen street Total number of city street stations in the nine precincts, 126.

The substation at Anacostia has a tele-phone connected with the fifth precinct sta-tion house, and Tenleytown substation has

telephonic connection with the Georgetown (seventh precinct) station house.

In the eighth precinct there are five telephone reporting stations in the county, all connected with the station house on U street between 9th and 10th streets northstreet between 9th and 10th streets north-west. These reporting stations are located one each at Brooklard, Takoma Park, Brightwood, 7th street and Rock Creek Church road crossing and Mount Pleasant. Additional patrol boxes and reporting sta-tions are much needed in several of the precincts. In the fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth precincts the service should be great-ly enlarged so that the officers on patrol duty outside of the city could make fre-quent and regular reports and call for asquent and regular reports and call for as sistance when needed.

New Furniture Required. The furniture in connection with the patrol instruments in the first, fourth, sixth and ninth precincts ought to be rerewed, as the old was never as good as i should have been; is out of harmony with surroundings, and not of the kind to insure the highest degree of service. Several new and improved registers will also be required. All of which will be esti-mated for.

The patrol telegraph was erected and put in operation in the several precincts, as folows: In the first, October 1, 1884; in the sixth, March 16, 1885; in the fourth, Novem ber 1, 1886; in the second, October 26, 1887; in the third, November 1, 1888; in the ninth,

May 1, 1889; in the seventh, October 1, 1890 in the fifth, June 24, 1891; in the eighth, June 24, 1891.

Telephone Messsages. During the year covered by this report 141,355 police official messages were sent and received, which were duly recorded in the official record books kept by this de partment, monthly, as follows:

| partment, monthly, as follows: | July ... | 10,191 | January | 12,029 | August | 12,143 | February | 12,718 | September | 9,662 | March | 12,174 | October | 10,264 | April | 12,203 | November | 10,970 | May | 13,334 | December | 13,233 | June | 12,351

Total......141,355 In addition to the official messages recorded as above, hundreds of unoff messages are sent and received daily, of which no record is kept.

There was an increase of 15,645 official messages over the previous year, and no doubt a corresponding increase in the non-official messages handled, making it exceedingly difficult during ten or twelve hours of each day for the limited force employed to handle the mass of business with the promptness that is desirable for public business.

I respectfully recommend the service of th which no record is kent

public business.

I respectfully recommend that provision be made for two additional telephone operators, so that from 8 o'clock a.m. until 12 o'clock midnight two telephone operators may be on duty, thus making it possible to handle the constantly increasing telephone business with greater promptisible to handle the constantly increasing telephone business with greater prompt-ness than is now possible with the limited

force.

The expense of fitting up an additional switchboard for an additional operator as suggested would not be great, while the ad-rantages of the increased service would be arge, and greatly appreciated by the pub

lic.

During the entire year the District used on its own wires, 199 sets of telephones rented from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company at a rental of \$10 per set per arnum during the first three-quarters of the year. From and after the 1st of April last the rate of rent was reduced by the president of that company to \$5 per set per approxim

by the president of that company to \$5 per set per annum.

From the beginning of the year until the 4th of February the District rented from the same company fifteen exchange telephones on the wires of that company's exchange, and since February 4 sixteen sets, at an annual rental of \$50 for each set of telephones

set of telephones.

In addition to these rates of rentals, and by virtue of an old agreement, the Chesa-peake and Potomac Telephone Company continues to charge the District \$300 per annum for general exchange service, under the assumption that the District uses the exchange wires much more frequently than their patrons use the wires of the District

Expenditures During the Year In the payment of salaries of all employes......\$10,800 00 For battery supplies and new bat-

boxes..... 2,121 50

Telephone rents and exchange New poles and repairs of the lines. Forage and care of horse and wag-193 81 on.... Purchase of horse, and repairs to box keys...

Register paper and chemicals for patrol.

Blacksmithing, including horseshoeing...

Ice consumed in certral office.... Stationery, including record books.
Washing for the central office.... Office rent, including fuel and

..\$20,241 00

the Commissioners for the kindly advice and generous support given me in the ef-fort to make this department as efficient as ossible. I also tender my thanks to the members of both the police and fire departments for their uniform efforts to make both the fire alarm and patrol systems a success for the alarm and patrol systems a success for the purpose for which each was intended, realizing, as I do, that without their co-operation neither system would have been as efficient as it has been.

The several employes of this department deserve and have my thanks.

CARSON IS CONFIDENT FINANCE AND TRADE

He Says He Will Be One of the Delegates to the Big Convention.

Indications That Anron Bradshaw May Be Selected to Accompany GOLD SHIPMENTS NOT MUCH REGARDED Him-General Gossip.

situation has become less complicated, so

far as the regular organization is concern-

ed. It is now stated by politicians that if

the present condition of affairs is continue

Perry Carson and Aaron Bradshaw will be

the two delegates from this city to the next

national republican convention. From the

meetings held in South Washington and

on Meridian Hill it is evident that Carson

has decidedly the best of the situation, and

even his most formidable opponents are de-claring that he will experience little dif-

floulty in having himself re-elected as the colored delegate.

are talking of selecting him as Perry'

Position of Foley and Ortlip.

The contractors, Messrs. Foley, Ortlip

and Gleeson, take exception to Bradshaw'

statement that they are favorable to th

celection of two white delegates, and in

conversation with a representative of The

Star today Messrs. Ortlip and Foley de-

star today Messrs. Ortlip and Foley de-clared that they were opposed to the selection of two white delegates, and that they thought it was only just to the color-ed voters that they should name one of the delegates. Mr. Foley said that as soon as the question of the selection of two white delegates was submitted to him that he declared it unjust to the colored re-publicans and unwise for the republican party. He said that if suffrage is to be

publicans and unwise for the republican party. He said that if suffrage is to be tought at such a price as the non-election of a colored delegate, he is willing to abandon the question of suffrage for a

The recently circulated statement that

The recently circulated statement 'nat the Union League Club will take part in the selection of the white delegate and that one of its members will be put forward is not believed by the politicians, who have for years taken part in the selection of the delegates. These individuals declare that the common people are now particularly interesting themselves in the

deciare that the common people are now particularly interesting themselves in the question of the selection of the delegates, and as they are terming the Union League people the silk-stocking-and-kid-glove element of its party, there would go up a mighty objection from them if the Union League attempted to influence the selection of the delegate.

The McKinley Candidate.

The McKinley people, in spite of the ag-

gressive campaign that is being made

against them, are saying that they will

select, "Charlie" Ortlip as their white dele-

gate, and that they will fight his cause to

the last ditch.

Having held meetings in all sections of the city the leaders of the different factions will now take a rest, and it will be late in the fall before any more meetings will be held.

When it was announced that the opposition would hold the meetings, of which The Star has reported, Col. Carson declared his intention of visiting all of them and ascertain just what was the opposition to him. He has kept his word, and at every meeting he has shown up, and thus by

meeting he has shown up, and thus by bearding the lion in his den he has created

boro, 100; Lithograph, 100; Dorcas L., 100.

Racing at Saratoga.

SARATOGA, August 16.-First race, six

furlongs-Lady Diamond, first; Manches-

ter, second; Runaway, third. Time, 1.15 1-2.

Second race, five and a half furlongs-

James McGonigle Monday night shot and

Baltimore Markets.

Cotton and grain markets, reported by W. B. Hibbs, stock, grain and cotton broker, 1421 F st. GRAIN.

Open. High. 7.25 7.25 7.29 7.30 7.34 7.84 7.39 7.40

| Dec. | Corn-Sept | Dec. | Dec. | Oats-Sept | Pork-Sept | Lard-Sept | Ribs-Sept | Corn-Sept | Corn-Se

of the delegate.

the last ditch.

Promised Competition of Tobacco This week has proven an interesting on to the republicans of the District, and from Trust. the meetings held and the speeches indulged in in the various sections of the city the

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Speculation Void of Significant

Feature.

pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, August 16.-Speculation this morning was, in the main, void of signifi-cant feature, the range of prices being confined within fractional limits. London offered no incentive to either account, and was practically without representation in the local dealings.

Owing to the fact that the exchange market was somewhat better supplied with drawings against grain shipments and that no important cable transfers against gold exports were in sight, the street was disposed to look more hopefully for higher prices. Some gold will go out by tomorrow's steamers, but not in sufficient quantity to warrant an attack on values.

Printed reports to the effect that members of the bond syndicate had paid a slight premium for gold bars caused some uneasiness in quarters not familiar with Wall street's business methods. In order to secure as much gold bullion for the treasury as possible the bond syndicate has at times paid all express charges on bullion and has allowed the usual commission to at times paid all express charges on bullion and has allowed the usual commission to brokers making the consignment. This action, while of frequent occurrence, has been utilized to magnify the gravity of a situation already exaggerated beyond reasonable limits. Transactions in gold bullion are conducted along the lines employed in the production and sale of any other commodity, and so long as only customary recompense is offered there is no occasion for alarm.

Outside of this subject there was practically no news of importance on which to base stock operations. American Tobacco continues weak under sales for both accounts, as the profits of the monopoly are soon to be cut into by independent manufacturers. A decline of 13-4 per cent resulted from the early selling this morning, a fractional part of which was recovered on covering purchases during the afterroon.

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oon. Manhattan sold down on moderate trans-

actions as the result of the statement of carnings, to which attention has previously been directed. Private advices from the west indicate continued confidence in a large corn crop, and higher prices for the roads transporting the yield are almost unanimously predicted. unanimously predicted.

The trading in this group of securities during the day while restricted in volume fully reflected the confidence inspired by

such assurances. An important agreement will be submitted shortly to the Trunk Line and Central Traffic Association looking to the establishment of a commission having absolute power to make rates and enforce penalties for any violation of the same. penalties for any violation of the same. For the latter purpose it is supposed a clearing house will be organized and money fines be levied, according to the character of the offense. This action will have an important influence in abolishing the periodical rate wars which have of late detracted from the legitimate profits of many otherwise well-managed properties. detracted from the legitimate profits of many otherwise well-managed properties.

The trading of the last hour was unchanged in character, although in many instances the lowest prices of the day were those recorded toward the close of the session. There are no adverse influences in the present situation that would seriously interfere with a broader market. The professional element now in control may be fessional element now in control may be able to force temporary concessions from time to time, but the widest range of val-ues will not be toward a lower level.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The foll-wing are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New Yor's stock exchange. Correspondents Messrs. Alore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway. much sentiment favorable to himself.

Col. Carson expressed to the representative of The Star today his confidence of winning, and said that the men who were now opposing him were the same men that had fought him before, but had been unable to retire him. had fought him before, but had been unable to retire him.

NO EFFECT ON ATTENDANCE.

A Large Number Went Over to St.

Asaph's.

The warm weather seemed to have no effect on the attendance at St. Asaph's to the track. The card was an attractive one. Track dry and fast. Weather clear and warm. Six books were on.

Messrs. Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway.

Stocks.

Open. High. Low. Last.

American Sugar, Pfd.

Open. High. Low. Last.

American Sugar.

1084; and warm. Six books were on.

Tomorrow's Alexander Island Entries

First race, four and a half furlongs, selling—Lebanon, 100, Jimmy Lambly, 100;
Nativity, 100; Western Star, 100; Come
Home, 100; Little Charlle, 100; Sarcasm,
100; Golddigger, 100; Peralto, 100; Marl
linois Central.....

RIE

C. M. & St. Paul, Pfd.
Chic., R. I. & Paclfic.
Del. Lack. & W.....
Den. & Gattle Feeding.
General Electric.
Illinois Central.....
RIE 791 79% 79 7936 21 86% 100; Golddigger, 100; Peralto, 100; Marl-Brie Louisville & Nashville.. Long Island Traction . Second race, half mile, two-year-olds, selling—Crescent, 111; Baccarat, 108; Bagnet, 104; Marian F., 101; Murray, 101; Nallie Ray, 101; Monolith, 101; Vesta, 94; Jen-eola, 94.

Third race, six and a quarter furlongs, selling—Juggler, 105; Moderate, 105; Airplant, 105; Vespasian, 105; Duke of Flef, 105; Bella A, 105; Bolivar, 105; Kenyon, 105; Criterion, 105; C. O. D., 105; Contest, National Lead Co., Ffd. 94%
U. S. Leather.
New Jersey Central. 105
New York Central.
N. Y. & N. Eng. Cfs. 62%
N. Y. C. & St. Louis. 105: Criterion, 105; C. O. D., 105; Contest, 105.

Fourth race, seven-eighths of a mile, selling—Watch Charm, 110; Billy Boy, 104; Brooklyn, 101; Sira, 100; Chieftain, 98; Samaritan, 95; Rosita, 92; Dr. Reed, 88.

Fifth race, four and one-half furlongs, selling.—Benefactor, 100; Irish Lass, 100; I.ouis Quartoze, 100; Major McNulty, 100; Mary B., 100; Windgale, 100; Lady Peacher, 100; Salisbury, 100; Imp. Nora, 100; Clara 1elle, 100; Ronald, 100.

Sixth race, five-eighths of a mile.—Jack Lovell, 112; Dart, 112; Paragon, 112; Forest, 100; Lon Lucy, 100; Jim McLaughlin, 100; Tammany Hall, 100; Imp. Frolicsome Lass, 107; Siberia, 100; Arda, 100; Brogan, 92.

Sixth race declared off. First divided split forming fifth. Original fifth run as sixth.

Racing at Saratoga. Northern Pacific, Pfd. 17% Northern Facinc, Ffd...
North American...
Unt. & Western.....
Pacific Mail...
Phila. & Reading.....
Pullman Pal. Car Co...
Southern Railway, Pfd.
Phila. Traction 41% 84% 12% 85 13% 9 21% 16% 53 93%

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—Traders' National Bank, 10 at 105. Pneumatic Guu Carriage, 100 at 29 cents.
Government Bonds.—U. S. 4s, reg., 112 bid, 112% asked. U. S. 4s, 103 t. 103 bid, 12% asked. U. S. 4s, 103 bid, 12% asked. U. S. 4s, 103 bid, 12% asked. U. S. 4s, 103 bid, 130 bid. U. S. 4s, 103 bid. 30-year Fund. 6s, 112 bid. Water Stock currency 7s, 1801, 115 bid. Water Stock currency 7s, 1801, 115 bid. Water Stock currency 7s, 1903, 116 bid. Fund. 3.65s, 110 bid. Reg. 2-10s, 3½s, 100 bid.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Washington and Georgetown Railroad conv. 6s, 1st, 150 bid, 165 asked. Washington and Georgetown Railroad conv. 6s, 2d, 150 bid, 165 asked. Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, 2d, 150 bid, 165 asked. Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, 1st, 150 bid, 105 asked. Colmbia Railroad 6s, 102 bid, 105 asked. Colmbia Gas Company, ser. A. 6s, 113 bid. Washington Gas Company, ser. B, 6s, 114 bid. Washington Gas Company conv. 6s, 125 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 100 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, F, and A., 100 bid. Washington Market Company ing. 6s, 110 bid. Washington Market Company exten. 6s, 108 bid. Washington Market Company and Mechanics', 175 bid. Second, 135 bid. National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington, 280 bid, 300 asked. Bank of Republic, 250 bid. Metropolitan, 285 bid. 106 bid. Washington Market Company exten. 6s, 108 bid. 140 asked. Capital, 115 bid. West End. 106 bid. Traders', 106 bid. Stocks.—Washington Gas, 50½ bid. Gas asked. Washington Gas, 50½ bid. Gas asked. Security and Trust, 120 bid, 125 asked. Washington Gas, 50½ bid. Georgetown Gas, 50½ bid. Georgetown, 275 bid. Potomac, 66 bid. Arlington, 140 bid. Gas and Electric Light, 134 bid.

Title Insurance Stocks.—Fenn Second race, live and a half furiongs—Requital, first; Crescendo, second; Beau Ideal, third. Time, 1.08 1-4.

Third race, the merchants' stake, a handicap, one and one-eighth miles—Rey el Santa Anita, first; Clifford, second. Time, 1.55 1-2. Only two starters.

Fourth race, five furlongs—Argentina, first; Au Revoir, second; Kilrona, third. Time, 1.02 1-4. James McGongle Monday might shot and killed his father, a rancher, six miles from North Yakima, Wash., and fatally wound-ed a blacksmith named Eaves. Young Mc-Gonigle shot at Eaves, but missed him, killing his own father. He then fired at Eaves' daughter, but hit her father. Baltimore Markets.

Baltimore, Md., August 16.—Flour quiet, unchanged—receipts, 11,626 barrels; shipments, 4,338 barrels; sales, 450 barrels. Wheat firmer—spot, 69\(\frac{1}{2}\)saga5\(\frac{1}{2}\)saga5\(\frac{1}{2}\); month, 69a69\(\frac{1}{2}\); September, 69\(\frac{1}{2}\)saga5\(\frac{1}{2}\); December, 73\(\frac{1}{2}\)a73\(\frac{1}{2}\); steamer No. 2 red, 60a60\(\frac{1}{2}\)—receipts, 34,180 bushels; stock, 77,738 bushels; sales, 96,000 bushels—southern wheat by sample, 70a70\(\frac{1}{2}\); do. on grade, 67\(\frac{1}{2}\)a70\(\frac{1}{2}\). Corn firmer—spot, 65\(\frac{1}{2}\)a62\(\frac{1}{2}\), 63\(\frac{1}{2}\)bushels; stock, 79,837 bushels—southern white year, 38 asked; January, 37\(\frac{1}{2}\) asked—receipts, 53,808 bushels; stock, 79,837 bushels—southern white corn, 44a45\(\frac{1}{2}\), 60,2 mlxed, 25a
25\(\frac{1}{2}\)—receipts, 17,420 bushels; stock, 98,012 bushels. Ry slow—No. 2, 60—receipts, 1,75 bushels; stock, 21,634 bushels. Hay firm—choice timothy, \$14.00a
\$14.50. Grain freights quiet, demand for steamer for late loading unchanged. Sugar firm, unchanged. Butter and eggs steady and firm, unchanged. Cheese firm, unchanged.

GRAIN.
Open. High. Low. Close.
66% 67 66% 66%-1/2
65%-1/2 65%-1/2
38 381/4 371/4 377/4
32 32%-311/2 317/4
201/4 201/4 201/4 201/4 201/4
9.60 10.10 0.60 9.50
6.10 6.15 6.10 6.12
5.72 6.00 5.70 5.87
COTTON.
Open. High. Low. Close. Close. 7.20 7.25 7.30 7.35